

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
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9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Presently Amended) A permanent ground covering mulch of a self-coherent particulate magnetic material comprising a mixture of a particulate magnetic material and a particulate magnetic attracting material; said particulate magnetic material comprising magnetic particles of a dimension of from about 1 to about 25 millimeters and comprising at least 50% by volume of said mixture.
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Presently Amended) A permanent ground covering mulch of a self-coherent particulate magnetic material comprising a mixture of a particulate magnetic material and a particulate magnetically inert material; said particulate magnetic material comprising magnetic

particles of a dimension of from about 1 to about 25 millimeters and comprising at least 50% by volume of said mixture.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)